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Princess power

Charlotte Hunter-Price, 4.5, proudly wore her favourite princess dress to celebrate Minden Pride on Aug. 26 at the annual Street Fest. No celebration is complete without rainbow face paint and Kawartha Dairy ice cream. For more Pride photos, see inside this issue. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

Minden Rotary: 'sunshine on a cloudy day'

by VIVIAN COLLINGS

Times Staff

Minden Rotary's second annual Rotaryfest got cut short mid-morning on Saturday, Aug. 12, but the rain didn't put damper on the club's positivity.

Despite adverse weather conditions, they still succeeded in their goal to showcase the community's various organizations.

"We make a ton of connections, and this vear we had more interest in the festival. Although a lot of people stayed away because of the rain, we still got to talk to more people and make some great connections, and that's what it's all about," said president Dave Woodcroft.

Unfortunately, musicians did not get the chance to perform before the storm rolled in, but the club is positive about other connections made at the event.

"Skyline Dance Studio was incredible. We were so happy to have them there," Woodcroft said. "Our whole goal of Rotaryfest is to try and have a hook to get people out, and then they see all the other things that happen in the community. We had such a positive response, we just had a crummy day, which happens."

With this being the second time Minden has hosted the event, Rotary has the intention of bringing it back next year.

"We're going to try and have it just as big next year. We have some new ideas, but with the same goal of bringing people out to see what goes on in the community and have them interacting with each other. That encourages collaboration," Woodcroft said.

The club's response to the storm at

Rotaryfest can be seen as a metaphor to what the club provides in the Minden community: "sunshine on a cloudy day."

Through fundraising and donations, they're able to support other charitable organizations in the area and carry out some of their own projects.

This weekend, the club will host their Labour Day Weekend Road Toll on Bobcaygeon Road and Water Street in Minden to collect donations on Saturday.

"This is so we can support the YWCA women's Shelter, Walkabout Farms, The Minden Food Centre, Fuel for Warmth, The Children's Water Festival and others who need support and provide much valued services in the community," Woodcroft said.

On Sept. 10, the third annual Minden Rotary Charity Golf Tournament will take place at the Gull River Golf Club in support of Abbey Retreat Centre.

In November, their Online Holiday Auction will go live.

A new initiative of theirs is the Celebrity Clown Project.

With a donation of \$200 or more, "Minden Rotary offers the privilege to become or sponsor a Celebrity Clown for 2023 and helps Minden Rotary support community projects, events and non-profit organizations.'

Rotarian Sally Moore has spearheaded the project in Minden.

"The idea is to find people in our community that might be prepared to dress as clowns at our social events," Moore said. "We are prepared to dress the clowns, and the intention is to have these clowns circu-

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Minden Rotary Celebrity Clowns were at the Minden Pride Street Fest on Sunday, Aug. 27. /Justin Van Lieshout, Minden Pride

Celebrity Clowns take on the town

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late among the crowd, offer them red noses, and have their picture taken."

The Celebrity Clowns were at Canada Day celebrations in Minden, Rotaryfest, and the Minden Pride Street Parade.

"We are anxious to sign volunteers that will not only have a presence in the community as a clown, but will also invite the community to help us by providing donations," Moore said.

To continue shining light on their projects and partnerships, Minden Rotary is looking for support.

"We need support in a few ways so that we can continue to give back. We're always looking for members, and people can also become Friends of Rotary and help out at events without being a member," Woodcroft said.

For more information or to donate to Minden Rotary, visit mindenrotary.ca.

A successful day in memory of Lisa Kerr

by EMILY STONEHOUSE

Editor

A drizzly day didn't slow down participation at the first annual Lisa Kerr Memorial Golf Tournament on Aug. 24 at the Blairhampton Golf Course.

While this is the first official Lisa Kerr Tournament, the name evolved from the original Volunteer Dental Outreach (VDO) Tournament, which has been running since 2011 to raise money for the VDO and the many patients the organization supports.

Lisa Kerr passed away this past February after a battle with cancer, and her absence was noticed at the tournament. "She poured her heart into making it the success it is today. To commemorate her dedication, we unanimously decided to rename this event the Lisa Kerr Memorial Golf Tournament," shared the organizers. "This decision reflects the profound impact she had on our organization and our mission."

Since the VDO was opened, it has treated 1227 patients, offered 10,892 appointments, and provided \$4,023,371 in free dentistry to locals. The team makes it their mission to provide free urgent dental care for low income residents of Haliburton County, and the facility is open the majority of each week; whenever the volunteer team is available.

The tournament saw 148 golfers on the course and 22 vol-

unteers. "Although it stings that Lisa's not here, everyone really stepped up this year," said Leslie Cusato, one of the organizers of the event. While the not-for-profit organization has some major donors and smaller events throughout the year, this golf tournament is their major fundraiser.

Cusato noted that the event ran the majority of the day, with breakfast provided by Abbey Gardens, and lunch by Wintergreen Maple.

Bill Kerr was proud to share that the event raised over \$70,000. "While it's a little bittersweet - I know she would have loved today - it was just a fabulous day," he said. "I am so happy that so many people came out to honour Lisa."



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County paramedics welcome base hospital physician

by JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Dr. Vince Acieri is the new community paramedic medical doctor at the Haliburton County Paramedic Service.

Tim Waite, the service's chief paramedic, told the upper tier council Aug. 16 that Acieri is very familiar with the local medical community.

"I've known Dr. Acieri for several years through the Base Hospital Program," Waite said.

Acieri is also the medical director at community paramedic programs in Peterborough, Lindsay, and in Kawartha Lakes.

"So we can have some consistency in protocols and procedures we do in homes," Waite said.

Acieri will be paid \$20,000, which was allocated in the operating budget for community paramedicine and is completely funded by the Ministry of Long-Term Care.

Acieri is an Emergency Department physician familiar with Haliburton County paramedics. In fact, he was previously a physician at the now-defunct Minden Emergency Department.

Acieri is also a Base Hospital physician so he has a good knowledge of the capabilities and skills of our paramedics,

Community paramedicine isn't a regulated profession. That means procedures usually done by a doctor can be delegated to a paramedic by a physician.

In the 911 emergency system, procedures such as certain injections, inhalation, or taking blood samples are delegated by the base hospital physician, Waite said.

"But the Ministry (of Health) has made it quite clear that the base hospital can't be delegating to community paramedics because it was going to take away from the resources for 911 paramedics," he said.

"So, for community paramedic programs, we have to acquire our own physician to perform these delegated skills in the home for a client," Waite said.

Warden Liz Danielsen asked if paramedics will need to seek approval from Acieri for certain procedure or if "blanket approval" could be given per emergency call.

'Certain procedures will just operate by protocol so we know what things may be done," Waite said. "Presently, we

can't administer the flu vaccine to clients in the home because we didn't have a medical director. Unless a personal physician wanted to delegate that skill."

Paramedics were able to administer COVID-19 vaccine under the licence of Dr. Natalie Bocking, the medical officer of health for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Public Health Unit.

"She provided the protocol for us to administer the vaccine," he said.

Protocols include the procedure as well as indications and contraindications.

A drug's indication is its approved use. In medicine, a contraindication is a situation that renders a medication or treatment unsafe.

Paramedics consult base hospital physicians who weigh the

"The majority of procedures would be protocol-based,"

Water Depot launches new location

by CHRISTINE CARR

Times Staff

The Minden Water Depot officially celebrated the grand opening of their new location at 50 Newcastle Street on Saturday, Aug. 19. With over 200 people in attendance, their opening was undeniably a success for all involved. While they opened their new location to the public in May, this grand opening allowed them to fully showcase the renovations and hard work that have gone into making this location

Co-store Manager Krysta Neave described the success of the day as customers left happy with fresh baked cupcakes and cookies made by local baker Butter Love Baking. "We take great pride in our customers and always have them happy and laughing," she said.

The Water Depot moved to the new location in May and are looking forward to the increased opportunities offered in their new storefront. Neave described the benefits of the new location.

"It is more visible to everyone traveling the highway, bigger store, bigger parking lot, beautiful outdoor scenery and some wildlife for us to admire as well," she said. Owning rather than renting the storefront has allowed them to truly

There have been many improvements made in the new location prior to their grand opening, including an outdoor installation allowing locals to get access to clean water 24/7. They also have a greater range of options on display within the store, thanks to features like their 6-tap water table.

While Water Depot offers specialized water treatment options, they also have hot tubs in stock, hot tub chemicals, and carry Chilly Moose products such as travel mugs and coolers. They are looking forward to continuing to welcome everyone to their new location at 50 Newcastle Street in Minden.



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> August 31 - Regular Council Meeting September 14 – Regular Council Meeting September 28- Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by attending in-person or a live-stream link available on the Township CivicWeb Portal at mindenhills.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx or by using the direct link provided in the notice. Meeting agendas are not displayed during the meeting; please download by visiting our CivicWeb Portal at mindenhills.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx. Please note the live stream file/video will be available to the public for the duration of one week after the Council Meeting

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more about smoke alarms, fire safety, and home fire escape planning, which can save the lives of you and your loved ones.

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CULTURAL CENTRE EVENTS

Bateman Family: A Sense of Place is on display in the Agnes Jamieson Gallery until September 2. This personal family exhibit features original paintings and limited-edition prints by renowned artist and naturalist Robert Bateman; Alan, Brad, Jack & Ross Bateman, and photos by prize-winning photographer Birgit Freybe Bateman. Original works and limited-edition prints are available for sale. The Gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am - 4 pm. Admission is by donation. For more information, please call 705-286-3763, email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca or look at the events calendar calendar.mindenhills.ca/default/ Detail/2023-07-06-1000-Bateman-Family-A-Sense-of-Place.

Shifting Lens, a juried group exhibit including 16 artists from the Eastern Hub of the Ontario Society of Artists, will be on display September 7 -November 25, 2023, in the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. The opening reception takes place on Saturday, September 9 from 1-3 pm. All are welcome. Admission is by donation. The Gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm. Admission is by donation. For more information, please cail 705-286-3763 or email culturalcentre@minden

The Minden Hills Museum & Heritage Village and Nature's Place is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am - 4 pm. This week features handson science experiments and crafts taking place every day at 11 am and 2 pm including mini scarecrows, adventure mapping, tie dye and ice-cream making. Admission is by donation. For more information, please call 705-286-3763, email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca or go to www.mindenhills.ca/en/News/media-release-23-61-minden-hills-culturalcentre-august-programs.aspx

A new chapter for the Mill Pond

by EMILY STONEHOUSE

Editor

If you haven't visited the Mill Pond in Carnaryon recently, you may want to make the trip.

The Algonquin Highlands staple has received a new facelift, courtesy of the recent ACM Designs restaurant makeover contest, launched in the early spring. The contest was conducted in the form of a community vote, and with over 9000 votes overall, the Mill Pond won the grand prize, beating out Truss Foodworks and Maple Avenue.

"We've heard so much great feedback about how the restaurant is looking," said Sophie Creelman, the marketing coordinator for ACM Designs Inc, "we've had a lot of positive support."

The Mill Pond has not seen a substantial renovation in over 30 years, which Creelman said made the renovations both exciting, and occasionally challenging. "There were some challenges that you just don't really know about until you're faced with them," she said, "but that's why it's great that we had so many partners in the project. We were able to just reach out when anything came up."

The overall cost of the renovation was just over \$100,000, with all materials, time, and supplies provided by local partners. "It was very helpful that this was a collaboration," noted Creelman, sharing that all components of the project could not have been completed without support from the partners.

This was the second community-based



The "before" shot of the Mill Pond Restaurant. /Photo submitted



The "after" photo of the Mill Pond Restaurant after the renovations by ACM Designs Inc. /Photo by Eleanor Dobbins

project ACM has launched, with the first being the Lobby Makeover in 2020, which was won by Bonnie View Inn, and prompted their desire to continue renovations throughout the accommodation.

Creelman shared that the best part about a

project of this caliber is taking those sought after "before and after" photos. "It's exhausting but really so rewarding to see," she told the *Times*.

When asked about what's next, Creeleman, she said that ACM is open to

ideas. "We have a few ideas," she said, "but because this is all about the community, we want to understand what the needs are here." Creelman encouraged local residents to reach out to ACM with their thoughts before they launch their next big contest.





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Sophia Rahaman, 3, shares a high five with her coach, Abby, on the last night of the Minden Minor Baseball League on Aug. 28. /Photo submitted

That's a wrap!

The teams were all rewarded for a great season with hotdogs from volunteers. /Photo submitted





The "Mosquitoes Orange" team, ages 4 to 5 years, coached by Tiffany and Dylan Walt. From left, pictured are teammates Cole, James, Cyprus, Ruby, Blaeklynn, and Harper. /Photo submitted











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A place on the map

HIS PAST weekend, Whitewater Ontario presented the 2023 Canadian National Whitewater Championships at the Whitewater Preserve on Horseshoe Lake Road.

Now this isn't just any race in the park. We're talking literal worldclass athletes coming from across the country to participate.

And as I inched along the road trying to get a peek at the racers, I narrowly avoided dozens of people as they flooded the sides of the road.

The one parking lot to the side of the rapids was completely jammed; cars wedged like Tetris pieces into the small lot, and kids tiptoeing

trepidatiously across slippery rocks to get a better view. The next day, the event posted that another parking lot had opened up; a private driveway from a local landowner to accommodate the overflow of cars.

Now I remember this delicate dance from when I worked in tourism.

We live in one of the most desirable places in the world. Sprawling sights, rushing rivers, towering trees; we have the epitome of Canadiana in this space we so often take for granted.

With tourism as our primary economic driver, how much is too much? We have to waltz around the concept of marketing our community, but what we're marketing is that there's no one else here. These sprawling sights are ours alone. The rushing rivers are wild and untouched. The towering trees tell the stories of those who came before us, and they'll watch over those who come next.

And we need people to buy it. Quietly. Subtly. Without a trace. That's the dance.

But as I watched athletes from

around the world do the shimmy on the side of the road to avoid being squashed by a Subaru, I thought to myself that maybe this is something we should put some effort into.

This Whitewater Preserve is unlike anything else in the world. My own brother, a paddler who's explored many more corners of the world than I, swears by the fact that this is one of the best rivers he has ever experienced. This was the site of the Pan-Am Games in 2015. Olympic athletes train in these waters. People travel from around the globe to be a part of this.

And we can't even offer them something that resembles a parking

lot?

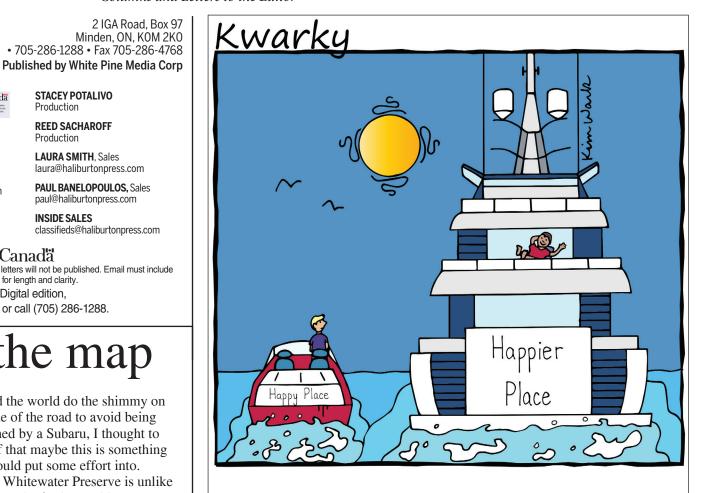
wrong - I am the last person to say we should pave paradise and put up

But maybe the township could put a little interest and investment into these events? Perhaps they could set up a shuttle service that

brings people back and forth to the downtown core. Or invest in the already existing infrastructure and parking areas at the Preserve to ensure they are properly maintained? Honestly, even a sign in the downtown core that says something like 'welcome paddlers' would show that we actually care in some way.

Kudos to the organizing team behind the event; I can appreciate any event that features the assets we have in our community. But I think it's time that our local government took a good look at what we have available, and how we can showcase that in a way that benefits our community, and puts us on the map.

Because doesn't Minden deserve a place on the map?



Burrs

STEVE GALEA

Beyond 35

LTHOUGH SOME people might find this hard to believe, to an outdoors enthusiast, there is no such thing as a good burr.

Luckily there are only two kinds of burrs, the ones you utter in winter when a sudden chill takes you, and the ones you swear at in autumn, as you remove them from your dog's coat or your pant legs.

Regardless, burrs are a fact of life in the uplands. And they are a nuisance to dog and dog owner alike.

Does this mean burrs are inherently bad? Let's put it this way. There has never

been a small community or county that has ever used the slogan "Welcome to (Blank), the burr capital of the world."

Also, you will never read, "It's going to be a good year for burrs," in the Farmer's Almanac. Why? Because there is no good year for

Still, if you are creative, burrs have multiple uses.

So how do you make the most of nature's Velcro?

Well, if they are on your pant leg and on your dog, as previously described, there's no better time to teach your dog to heel. All you need to do is affix the burrcovered dog to your burr-covered leg and people will think you are a dog whisperer.

Burrs also allow many hunters to upgrade the status of their dog without technically lying. For instance, if you hunt with a mutt – which is just fine by the way – and some fancy grouse hunter with a well-bred flushing dog or pointer asks what you hunt with - it's perfectly legitimate to claim you have "a burred dog" after you have hunted it once thorough a

Burrs also come in handy if you are hunting with one of those annoying hunters who never misses a shot. In a situation like that, all you need to do is to say is something like, "I think I'm going to walk the edges of this burr patch to the far side, but I'm pretty sure that there are birds in the middle of this patch by that apple tree. Why don't you hunt through the burrs towards that tree? Those pants are 100 per cent wool right?"

This might seem unnecessarily cruel but not if you convince yourself that you

> are merely practicing good conservation. In any case, if all goes as planned, your hunting buddy will be bogged down and stuck in the burrs until you return at the end of the day.

A word of caution – when you finally get back, your hunting partner might seem a bit miffed.

I like to break the tension by saying something like, "I was wondering where you went!

I'll go back to the truck and get my weed eater. Before I go though, would you mind signing this confidentiality agreement regarding my dog handling and shooting...'

Despite the weed eater, it's very likely the hunter in question is going to have to leave their wool pants inside the patch with the burrs that cling to it. And, yes, that's awkward.

It is perfectly natural to feel embarrassed about walking back to your vehicle with a hunter who is no longer wearing pants.

But the good news is there's no need to feel that at all. Because no one is going to notice that when your dog is heeling so



EMILY STONEHOUSE



INOTHERWORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Clowns that aren't funny

Y LAPTOP computer is driving me crazy. It's like it has been invaded by those evil clowns you see in television commercials. You know, the ones with white faces, fiery red lips, wicked red smiles and tufts of curly red or blue hair framing a

They sneak about in the shadows, concocting new ways to make life difficult. They work quietly and efficiently, grinning mischievously while driving

you whacko.



JIM POLING SR. From Shaman's Rock

They are not just in my laptop. They've also invaded my cell phone and my iPad.

Most people call clowns Bozos. I call the ones in my computer equipment Spam.

Spam, in the form of dishonest text messages, emails and telephone calls, is increasing. The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre says that last year it received fraud and cybercrime reports totalling \$530 million in victim losses. That was almost a 40-percent increase from the previous year.

Those figures don't actually reflect the full extent of spam fraud because the centre says most people

don't report spamming that is minor or just annoying.

There really is no defence against email and text spam, or the spam phone calls that come at any time of day or night. You can't stop them. If you do find ways, the spammers come up with ways around them.

I now have roughly 500 blocked spam addresses on my cell phone. However, once a spammer discovers the block he changes the address slight-

Some of spam is not just annoying, it's downright dangerous. It can contain malicious links or attachments that infect your system with malware or

The purpose of most scams is to get at your information and use it to get money from you.

We put our email and text addresses up for sale or trade when we accept the privacy policies of services or websites that we visit. Those policies are long, painful reads that often include your agreement to your information being passed on to others. Who reads them when you simply are trying to find something simple on a company website?

Email addresses are worth money to scammers. They buy them in bulk to add to their mailing lists. A simple push of a button sends spam out to tens of thousands of innocent people and just one sucker falling for the scam makes it all worthwhile.

Phishing - pretending to be a legitimate major retailer or service - has become a favourite way for scammers to trick consumers.

Scammers copy a company logo and use it in a phony email. The message might say you have a \$45 credit from a recent purchase. Click a link, fill in your credit card or bank info and the \$45 will be deposited for you.

Retail giant Walmart has become the most imitated company. Its brand name was used in 16 percent of all phishing schemes globally during the first quarter of this year, says a study by Check Point Research, a Californiabased cyber threat intelligence company. That's an increase from 13 percent in the last quarter of 2022.

Other top companies imitated by scammers are the delivery company DHL, Linkedin and Netflix. I've also blocked phishing schemes from Lowes building supplies, Costco Best Buy and a variety of pharmaceutical companies.

Scammers also hack the accounts of people you know then send you fake messages that appear to be from someone you trust.

Basically we are alone when it comes to fighting these cyber crimes. If you report a phishing attack or other email fraud to police you'll likely be told to call the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre by telephone at 1-888-495-8501.

When you call that outfit someone will take down your information and say thank you. The centre simply collects information on fraud and identity theft and compiles details of past and current scams to pass on to the general

There's little direct action any government agency can take. We are all on our own on this one. The best any of us can do is be very watchful and cautious, don't open anything that looks the least bit suspicious and if a company wants something from you, give them a call or go into one of their stores.

Wonderful Woodlands

To The Editor:

letters to the editor

Re: A Walk on the Wild Side, Aug. 2

Thank you for your very interesting and comprehensive article telling the story of the dedicated and caring work carried out by the staff at Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary. We are so fortunate to have this organization in our County. They allow us to rescue injured and orphaned animals and to know we have a safe and experienced rehab facility to take them to in a timely manner.

To learn more about the rescue, rehabilita-

tion and release work at WWS, just go to their website: www.woodlandswildlifesanctuary.ca. As Woodlands does not receive funding from any government you can also read about how to donate money and supplies. They appreciate the many donations from both, local organizations, and individuals, and rely on them to keep functioning and nurturing their varied and numerous animals, and to support the work of their hard working and passionate volunteers.

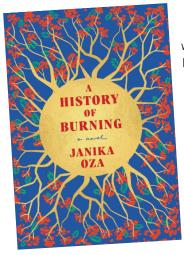
> Barbara Bohlin **Drag Lake**



Minden Matters

Volunteers gathered to serve food to the 900 individuals who attended the Ground Zero Rally and Home Town Concert on Saturday, Sept. 26 at the Minden Fairgrounds. "The event was a success," said Patrick Porzuczek, one of the organizers of the day, "we kept the awareness alive. Because this is not only a fight for Minden, this is a fight against all the hospital closures across Ontario." /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

HCPL's Book of the Week



India, 1898. Pirbhai is the thirteen-year-old breadwinner for his family when he steps into a dhow on the promise of work, only to be taken across the ocean to labour on the East African Railway for the British. With no money or voice but a strong will to survive, he makes an impossible choice that will haunt him for the rest of his days.

A profoundly moving debut novel spanning India, Uganda, England, and Canada, about how one act of survival reverberates across generations of a family and their search for a place of their own.

A History of Burning by Janika Oza is available to borrow from the Haliburton County Public Library.

Making waves

The Canadian Whitewater Championships were hosted at the Minden Whitewater Preserve this past week. Athletes from across the country came out to participate. /CODY EVANS Special to the *Times*





The week-long Whitewater Championship included a series of competitive events.

.. and hewers of wood

HERE IS a saying way older than I purport to be that states, if you burn wood, it will warm you many times over.

The old saw, if you will, crossed my mind the other day as work began on next winter's wood supply. (Brag Point: This winter's wood was cut, split and stacked last spring

and is long securely stored in the woodshed.)

JACK BREZINA
Point of View

Sometime earlier in my writing career, some of you may recall my exclusive report in this newspaper of the pile inspectors who roamed the county at this time of year, checking on the structural integrity of wood piles. They were looking for straight lines, exposed butts and razor level tops. Woe be to the misguided individual who be-

lieved that throwing split wood into a pile and covering it with a tarp constituted an acceptable method of preserving

fuel for the coming season. The enforcement was strict and the fines could make your eyes water. Repeat offenders were forced to endure markers placed at their driveways indicating that their wood piles had not met standards. I dare say that things have loosened up since those early days.... budget cuts have reduced wood pile inspector numbers and the job has been all but consigned to anyone driving a municipal vehicle on rural routes to be on the lookout for piles askew.

Others may also remember, it was this writer who broke the news, once again in an exclusive report, that restrictions on mixing wood varieties in a pile had been quietly lifted. Once more, beech, maple, ash, birch and other varieties could co-mingle is a single pile, as indeed they do in the forests, without drawing the wrath of the authorities. A watershed moment in the world of wood and one that resulted in a journalism award for outstanding breaking news reportage.

But that is all in the past, As I contemplated the old saying, you know about wood warming you many times over, I paused as my mind raced through the number of times a single piece of wood is picked up. Counting from the pile of logs to the insertion in the stove, I recognized ten or more

different encounters between my hands and the piece of wood. And, depending on the weather, each action generates a degree or two of heat: cut logs into rounds-pile-lift to stump or splltter-split-pile-(re-pile after the initial pile collapses)-lift into wheelbarrow-pile into woodshed-back into wheelbarrow-pile into wood box-bring into house-and finally place it in the stove. Lots of physical labour, which they tell me is good for my over-all wellbeing. Not to mention the energy spent to keep an eye out for the pseudo wood pile inspectors who prowl the backroads looking misaligned stacks

As tedious as all this sounds, it is invigorating, and I feel better for my efforts, after recovering from sore muscles, out in nature, hearing the birds and, at this time of year, the geese, and feeling the wind in my face. It is productive work that creates visual evidence of one's accomplishment and will help to keep our home cozy during the coming winter. Not to become too maudlin, and perhaps it is already too late, I think of it is a connection to our earliest days as a nation when most Canadians were indeed, drawers of water and hewers of wood.



Paramedics meet or exceed response times, says chief

by JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Haliburton County's chief paramedic recommends holding the line on emergency response times in the coming year.

Tim Waite, the director of the Haliburton County Paramedic Service, said the organization is required to submit a response time plan to the provincial Ministry of Health by October's end.

Waite, the chief paramedic, said he's about a month early this year because he's seen some potential conflicts to forwarding the plan that may arise in September.

"I want to make sure we're compliant," he said

In a report to county council Aug. 16, Waite said the service is meeting or exceeding response time targets previously set for 2023.

"We will continue to monitor and report on our response times as part of our regular quality assurance and improvement process as well as maintain our present deployment plan," Waite said.

"The county is able to make adjustments to the Response Time Standard Plan at any time during the year. If the plan is found to be inadequate we can adjust accordingly.'

As per the plan, the service will endeavour to respond within six minutes 20 per cent of the time to a patient in sudden cardiac arrest.

Other emergency response times are classified according to levels on the Canadian Triage and Acuity Scale (CTAS). That's a means to enable emergency department staff to prioritize patients.

In CTAS 1 emergencies, paramedics will be on scene 30 per cent of the time within eight minutes after the call for help is

The service will be on scene 65 per cent of the time within 15 minutes to the location of the patient determined to be

Help will arrive 65 per cent of the time within 20 minutes at the location of a CTAS 3 patient.

First responders will be at the side of a patient deemed to be CTAS 4 within 25 minutes 65 per cent of the time.

CTAS 5 patients will be tended to within 30 minutes 65 per cent of the time the call for help is received.

"We're looking good with our response time so far this year," Waite said. "So my recommendation is to just maintain the response time plan as status quo."

According to a report to county council, response time has historically been used as a measurement for system effectiveness. The assumption was that faster is better. The quicker the system responded, the higher the quality of clinical outcomes.

"Recent evidence-based research has allowed us to better understand the relationship between clinical outcomes and response times," Waite wrote in his report. "This current research has suggested that our response times have little impact on clinical outcomes outside a small subset of call types."

Haliburton paramedics have a larger number of skills to provide the care required upon arriving at the patient's side.

"The noted plan is unchanged from last year and maintains response time expectations to those calls that evidence shows makes a difference while allowing us more time to respond to requests for service that are less time-sensitive," Waite wrote.



Gifts From The Heart launches early appeal for funds

For the past few years, SIRCH's annual Gifts From The Heart campaign has been raising much needed funds to support Community Kitchen, a program where volunteers gather weekly at SIRCH Bistro to prepare nutritious meals that are distributed for free to individuals in the community.

Over the past few months the need has grown so much that SIRCH is launching its fundraiser early this year, in the hopes of sustaining the monthly meal program.

As of August, SIRCH is preparing and distributing 1,400 meals and 300 nutrient dense soups throughout Haliburton County and Bancroft. These packaged meals are given to people who are ill, homeless, frail, palliative, unable to cook or simply can't afford to eat.

That number has increased significantly since the start of the pandemic, and donations from last year's Gifts From The Heart campaign will keep Community Kitchen meals at their current level until mid October. After that, the money to sustain the program will

"We expected the need to go down after COVID, but instead it went up," said SIRCH executive director Gena Robertson.

She points to a number of factors that have led to the increase in need, including a high population of seniors and a staggering local child poverty rate. According to statistics from Addressing Food Insecurity and Poverty, released in 2022 by the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit, a family of four on minimum wage only has 33 per cent of the money needed to purchase healthy food. And a person on disability support requires 73 per cent of their income just for rent.

One elderly meal recipient said the meals made a difference to him and his wife while



The program is entirely reliant on donations, as it receives no government funding. It is for this reason SIRCH Community Services is turning to the public for help and for hope as we head into the cold fall and winter months.

"Residents shouldn't have to choose between heating their home and buying groceries, but that is what's happening in our community," said Robertson.

There are many ways to donate, including by cheque, online, e-transfer and by phone. Or stop into the SIRCH office at 49 Maple Ave. to find out more about the organization and the Community Kitchen program. Every bit of help is appreciated and needed.

funding.

/Submitted

Volunteers help package

meals at Community

Community Services

program that prepares

soups and desserts that

are distributed for free

throughout Haliburton

County and Bancroft.

distributing 1,400

The program is currently

meals and 300 nutrient

dense soups a month,

all made at the SIRCH

Bistro & Bakery. Funds

this program continues,

as Community Kitchen

receives no government

are needed to ensure

Kitchen, a SIRCH

nutritious dinners,

"We couldn't do what we do without a compassionate community, which is what Haliburton County is. A caring community that looks out for one another and wants to help create resilience. And Community Kitchen, and the volunteers who make it happen, are creating resilience with every meal they make," said Robertson.

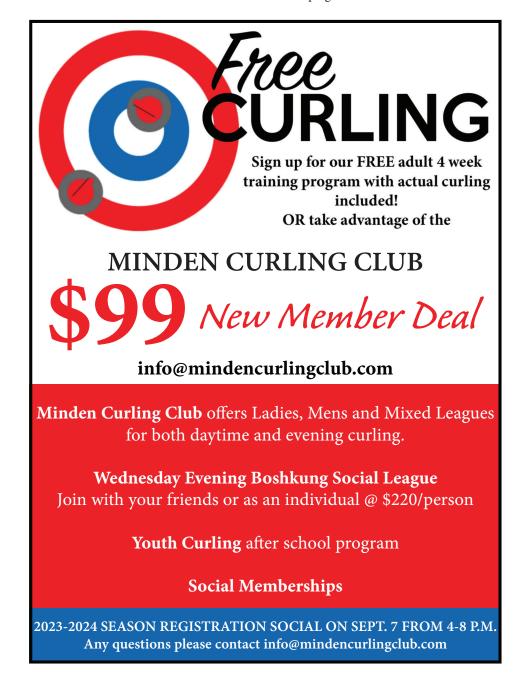
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Submitted by SIRCH Community Services

she was ill. "His wife was sick and he was tending to her needs and finding the time to cook wasn't easy," said Jackie Smith from City of Kawartha Lakes Housing. "My last visit was tears of gratefulness as his wife was able to eat and enjoyed it. He wanted to say thank you."

The meals are distributed through 12 partner agencies, who see firsthand the impact they are making in people lives.

"Our clients are very thankful," said another distributor about the meals. "I know they [the meals] are making a big difference. They are helping to take the stress off for families."







They're back in blue!

The Haliburton County Huskies returned to action on home ice, hosting the Renfrew Wolves on Sunday afternoon in Minden. The boys in blue and white took to the ice at SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena in front of a hometown crowd as they warm up for another season of hockey-action. /ADAM FRISK Special to the Times



The Haliburton County Huskies greet fans as the team takes to the ice on Sunday to face the Renfrew Wolves in pre- season hockey action in Minden.





NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICIAL PLAN FOR THE COUNTY OF HALIBURTON

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton will hold a Public Meeting on

DATE: Wednesday, October 11, 2023

TIME:

County of Haliburton Administration Building PLACE:

11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario ADDRESS:

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the Public Meeting will be to consider a proposed amendment to the Official Plan for the County of Haliburton pursuant to the provisions of Section 17 and 21 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 c. P.13, as amended.

This application applies to the geographic area of the County of Haliburton in its entirety.

The proposed Official Plan Amendment will replace the reference to "second units" as shown Section 4.4 of the Haliburton County Official Plan with the phrase "additional residential units". Additional text is proposed to be added to reflect the changes incorporated into Section 35 of the Planning Act. Furthermore, proposed Official Plan Amendment will change the wording of HCOP Policy 3.3.7 - New development within 1,000 meters of an Urban Settlement Area boundary or a Rural Settlement Area boundary. The proposed wording changes serve to clarify the intent of the policy which is to ensure that non-compatible land uses are not located in the rural fringe area adjacent to settlement areas.

OTHER RELATED APPLICATIONS: None

ANY PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY may attend the Public Meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed official plan amendment.

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS in respect of the proposed official plan amendment are to be filed with the County of Haliburton, Planning Department, P. O. Box 399, 11 Newcastle St., Minden, ON, K0M 2K0.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the County of Haliburton before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the County of Haliburton to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the County of Haliburton before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

REQUESTING NOTICE OF DECISION: If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed official plan amendment, or of the refusal to amend the official plan, you must make a written request to the Planning Department, County of Haliburton, P. O. Box 399, 11 Newcastle St., Minden, ON K0M 2K0.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: A copy of Official Plan Amendment No.1 (Additional Residential Units) can be obtained by contacting the County Planning Department. Additional information regarding Official Plan Amendment No.1 (Additional Residential Units) is available for public inspection at the Planning Department, County of Haliburton, by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 30th day of August 2023.

Steve Stone Director of Planning County of Haliburton 11 Newcastle Street P. O. Box 399 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 Telephone: (705) 286-1333 or 1-866-886-8815, Ext. 222 Fax: (705) 286-4829

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This summer at your public library

by CHRIS STEPHENSON

Haliburton County Public Library CEO

Summer Reading Club kicked off on June 17th this year at Haliburton County Public Library (HCPL). It's that time of year when library staff inspire literacy and generate excitement about reading across all age groups. And we do our best to help parents and teachers diminish the effects of 'Summer Slide,' the period over the summer months when school is out and reading abilities may decline. This season we've handed out over 500 reading notebooks at our 7 branches across the County. As well, we launched a Book Bingo challenge for both adults and teens which has proven popular – and not just because we offer some neat prizes at the end of summer

In addition to this summer reading tradition, HCPL featured a series of children's author readings each month, and we enjoyed a couple of these on the lawn behind our branches. Our events calendar has been packed with programs and ongoing passive activities, such as Storywalks at branches in each municipality, special travelling displays, and drop-in crafts, which brought many families in especially on the rainy days. We've been raising and releasing butterflies this summer, hosting new programs such as one developed by an amazing volunteer, Yasmin, who led Henna tattoo workshops, and we partnered with some new groups this year. A recent example is our partnership with the Pinnguaq Association in Lindsay. The Pinnguaq staff have come to HCPL to run unique S.T.E.A.M. programming, which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering,

Arts, and Math. We're also working with them to offer new DIY tech kits for learning at home this September.

A special thing happened in August when we found out the new courier van we ordered last year had arrived in Minden. Over the past few months, the book bins we ship between branches have grown in weight and number. One of the couriers told me following a recent trip with the former vehicle that he had so many bins to take he was completely full. The new van will soon be branded with the library's logo and contact information, and it is large enough that we'll always have room for the many books requested across Haliburton County. And eventually the van will be configured to assist our programming efforts throughout the library system. We'd like to find funding to outfit it with shelves for our various portable kits and programming supplies, and with the capacity to broadcast a wifi signal wherever we go. This will be handy for people in every community when library staff show up at parks, fairs, farmer's markets, and other events in future.

Regular and special library programming happens all year round, but we do mark the seasons and change up what we do occasionally. So, you'll want to check out the 'Programs & Events' page on our website, at www.haliburtonlibrary.ca to see what's coming this fall as it develops. But before we get too far ahead of ourselves, I'd like to bring up one reminder about a special event coming that's enjoyed by hundreds of families and kids towards the end of each summer. The Haliburton & District Lions Club hosts Stories in the Park Fun Fair, and this year it happens Wednesday, August 30, from noon to 2 p.m. At Head Lake Park in Haliburton,

you'll find fun but non-competitive games for everyone, Storytimes and a featured children's author, guessing challenges, free food for all children, and each one will receive their own new book. More than a dozen important local organizations will be there, including your public library. It's a wonderful thing to see so many kids in attendance at this community event celebrating books, reading, and fun. And we're so fortunate this happens

right in the backyard of our Dysart branch. As Arthur, the cartoon aardvark from a popular children's TV show reminds us, "Having fun isn't hard, when you've got a library card!" Stop into any Haliburton County Public Library branch and we'd be happy to help you get set up with yours. On behalf of the staff and the library Board: See you soon and have a great rest of the summer!







Saturday, September 2, @ 2 p.m. vs Stouffville

Home Opener



Saturday, September 9 @ 4:00 p.m.

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A HUG for everyone

Last weekend, a dozen families from throughout Ontario and Quebec gathered at Kinark Outdoor Centre for an annual augmentative and alternative [AAC] communication camp weekend. Each family at HUG [Helping, Uplifting and Guiding] Camp included at least one member ranging from age three to 27 – who uses AAC to communicate. The camp gives the diverse families a chance to connect, learn from each other, strengthen networks and relax in an inclusive environment. The camp was sponsored by Angelman Syndrome Foundation [ASF] Canada and the Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics [FAST] Canada. An AAC camp was first held in Gravenhurst in 2014 and has been held at Kinark Outdoor Centre for the past several years. At the first AAC camp held in Gravenhurst in 2014, Harper Tiffin of Minden was 18 months old and Sadie Keith of Bracebridge was eight years old – pictured now, nine years later, the friends (seen here with Harper's mom Sue and Sadie's sister Paige) still meet on an annual basis for weekend of fun. For more information about attending or supporting the camp, contact onhugcamp@gmail.com. /Submitted



Feeling proud at Pride

The Minden Pride River Float was a huge success, with participation from all ages. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff



Fernando Diaz de Leon blows bubbles during Pride Fest on Aug. 26 in Minden.



Natalia Brown from Rotaract Haliburton Highlands completes a puzzle at the Rainbow Street Festival.





Auntie Plum reads a story to the crowd during Drag Storytime at the Haliburton County Public Library Minden branch on Tuesday, Aug. 22.

Sean Pennylegion and Jack Brezina hosted Queer Trivia Night at the Dominion Hotel on Thursday, Aug. 24 during Minden Pride Week. /Justin Van Lieshout, Minden Pride



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Bookapalooza: a readers & writers festival in Minden

The Arts Council Haliburton Highlands (ACHH) has pulled out all the stops to host Bookapalooza, two days that focus on those who love words and those who write them. The Readers and Writers Expo is an all-ages celebration at the Minden Curling Club on Saturday, September 16, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

Over 50 exhibitors will offer a wide range of reading material including books and magazines. The Writers Union of Canada, Crime Writers of Canada and a variety of writingrelated services and organizations will be on hand to answer questions and share helpful information.

Renee Woltz, ACHH board member and Chair of the Literary Arts Roundtable, is equally thrilled by the range of programming. "Besides the exhibits, we're offering a series of five adult presentations that celebrate words in all forms. A publisher panel, memoirists, and non-fiction authors will all inspire audiences." Acclaimed singer-songwriter Sandra Bouza will close out the presentations with songs she wrote at Halls Island Artist Residency in the Highlands.

Kids of all ages will love the Children's Book Nook, sponsored by the Haliburton and District Lions Club. A free book for every child, colouring table and authors reading from their stories will engage youngsters throughout the day.

ACHH committee member and Lions' service co-chair, Gail Stelter, is especially excited about the Book Nook activities. "Award-winning children's author, Heather M. O'Connor, is leading a Storybook Stroll of her beautiful co-authored picture book, 'Wiijibibamatoon Anangoonan/ Runs with the Stars'." Held outdoors, participants will follow O'Connor as she reads each page on display.

The Readers & Writers Expo is part of the ACHH's Bookapalooza that kicks off Friday September 15 at 7 p.m. Guest author, Lawrence Hill, award-winning writer, journalist, educator, documentary writer and member of the Order of Canada will be on stage at the Minden Curling Club. Visit the ACHH website, haliburtonarts.on.ca for tickets for a guaranteed seat and to order advance copies of his books.

The Arts Council Haliburton Highlands and the Readers and Writers Committee gratefully acknowledge the support of the Haliburton County Development Corporation, Epic Novel level sponsor Parker Pad and all of our Short Story level sponsors that help us bring acclaimed authors and presenters to our community in the Highlands.

Submitted

The spice of life

The 16th annual Garlic Fest was held on Aug. 26 at Abbey Gardens, and saw over 800 visitors to the site. The event featured vendors, artisans, and live music. Ashley McAllister, the director of operations and organizer of the event, credited the community support for the overall success of the festival. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff



for new members for its volunteer Board of Directors, and is particularly interested in hearing from people with experience in any of the following areas:

- **Capital Campaign Fundraising Experience**
- **Investment Management**
- **Community Board Experience**
- **Accounting (CPA)**

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Deadline is October 1, 2023. New Directors will be appointed in December

For further information & to express your interest, please visit our website:

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Grant creates unique spaces at Abbey Gardens

On Sunday, August 27, 2023, Laurie Scott, MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, met with the team at Abbey Gardens Community Trust to hear more about the impact of the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) Capital and Resilient Communities Fund grants the organization has received over the past year. The Resilient Communities Fund grant was used to develop a new home for the Abbey Gardens summer camps, At Last Forest School, and Eco Explorers Homeschool programs, while the Capital grant was used to develop a new community event space.

This funding was instrumental in supporting Abbey Gardens in their efforts to rebuild and recover after three years of reduced revenue and programming due to COVID-19 related restrictions. The funds went toward purchasing tents, site work, trailer washrooms, storage facilities, and other areas of developing both of these spaces.

"The investment by the Ontario Trillium Foundation to establish permanent spaces for our programming and events is great news for our community," said Ashley McAllister, Director of Operations at Abbey Gardens. "We've been able to grow our summer programming calendar exponentially with the addition of the new space, and our event tent has provided space for our community to gather and celebrate the arts. We've hosted Juno award nominees and winners such as Inuk singer/songwriter Susan Aglukark, Great Lake Swimmers, John McDermott, and many others. We also hosted internationally renowned Canadian comedian Ron James, provided a venue for Haliburton Folk Society and Highland Opera Studio events, and have use the tent for weddings, anniversaries, and celebrations of life.'

Abbey Gardens has debuted a full event and programming calendar for the 2023 summer season, including concerts, summer camps, Forest School, a Pony Birthday Party, festivals, comedy shows, and more. If you wish to learn more about what community events are taking place at Abbey Gardens, or enquire about using the space for your own event, please visit the website at: www.abbeygardens.ca.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF), an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada's leading granting foundations celebrates 40 years of grant-making in Ontario and making a lasting impact in ext communities. Last year, OTF invested over \$110M into 1,022 community projects and partnerships, which included funding for the Government of Ontario's Community Building Fund. Visit off.ca to learn more.

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Pictured from left, John Patterson (Abbey Gardens co-chair), Janis Parker (Abbey Gardens treasurer), Klara Oyler (from OTF), Barb Bolin (Abbey Gardens co-chair) and Laurie Scott (MPP Haliburton Kawartha Lakes Brock) as they gather for the OTF presentation at Abbey Gardens on Aug. 26. /Photo submitted

Call for back to school photos!

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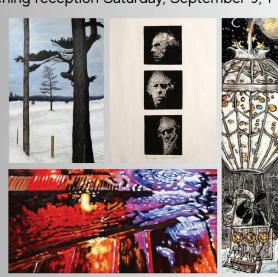
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Coboconk Legion Yard, Craft Sale

When: Sep. 16, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Where: Coboconk Legion, Hwy 35 & 118 BBQ hot dog and hamburger lunch will be available. Vendors can sign up by emailing info@coboconklegion.ca or calling 705-454-8127. Please visit www.coboconklegion.ca for more information.

Provincial Liberal Candidates BBQ

When: Saturday, Sept. 16, noon to 3 p.m. Where: Rotary Park, Minden Adil, Bonnie, Nate, Ted, and Yasir are all vying for leadership of the Ontario Liberal Party. Come meet and speak with them in a casual setting and have a burger on us! Evervone is welcome. RSVP how many are attending and if vegan options are required to donnaaziz@ymail.com

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> Love you forever, Randy

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650 OBITUARIES



In Loving Memory of

Sheila Robb

Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Wednesday, August 16, 2023.

Beloved wife of the late Charlie Robb (2009). She will be missed by her daughter Debbie Barnhart and her husband Barry, sons Kirk and

Dale, her grandson Carson and his partner Kenidi and her great granddaughter Willow.

A gathering to celebrate Sheila's Life will be held at her daughter's home at 1040 West Road, Carnarvon on Sunday, September 24, 2023 from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family and

can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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In Loving Memory of Marjorie (Ludlow) Green

Passed quietly in her bed on Friday, August 25th at the Hyland Crest Nursing Home in Minden, Ontario.

Marjorie was born in Toronto on June 22nd, 1937 to Albert Ludlow (Toronto) and Viola Vickers (Salford, England). She was their only child. She is predeceased by her husband, Carroll Geoffrey Green.

Marjorie is survived by her children Andrew (Cathy), Jeremy (Tracey) and her grandchildren Cora, Tallas, Sam, Zachary and Adam.

She worked at Manulife for 12 years before beginning her writing business. During this career, her articles were published across many media platforms. She taught creative writing at Durham College and wrote the historical book "A Town Called Ajax". She was founder of Ajax's Writers' Circle which is now a national writers' club.

Marjorie was always ready for a joke, a story, and especially loved the banter around holiday tables with the family. She loved butterscotch pie, her teddy, freshly squeezed orange juice, Coles book stores, gospel music, Monty Python, dandelions, Geoff's lasagna and Toronto Blizzard

There will be a casual Celebration of Life on Saturday, September 16th at 2:00pm at her son's home in Port Perry. Please call the Gordon A. Monk Funeral

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Minden businesses summered

by BRYN WEESE Times Staff

The end of summer is nigh. With the heat of these past few months, many are wondering how the local Minden businesses did. The answer is unequivocally "great!"

For many businesses, this summer was more successful than they had hoped. Given the weather, many storeowners are very

pleased with the business they have had this summer.

"This has been by far our best summer," says Sue Yallop from That Place in Carnarvon. "I think everyone is having a good

Yallop specifically mentioned the weather as a cause to her good fortune, "The weather is worth staying up for," she says.

The wickedly hot weather of the past few

months did have some business owners worried, such as Greg Turner from the Peppermill, who said that sometimes when the weather is very hot, there is a tendency not to want to leave the lake.

Despite his fears, Turner reported that the Pepper Mill did have a very successful summer season and is looking forward to the fall.

Another restaurant that fared well this sumsee EVEN page 2



Thumbs up for cancer camps

In the early hours of August 13 on County Road 121, Tour for Kids

riders took to the highways heading for Bobcaygeon on the third day of the fundraising ride. So far the event has raised \$400,000 to send children who have cancer to summer camp. Story page 12.

Maple Lake gives landfill plan tentative approval

by BRYN WEESE Times Staff

The Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes Association is waiting to make a formal stance on Algonquin Highlands' proposed Waste Management Plan until the final public meeting is held.

> A lack of advertising and a delay in mailing out the 2004 tax bills resulted in very low turnout at the public meetings on August 4 and 6. The township, in accordance with the requirements of the provincial government,

has scheduled a third public meeting for Wednesday August 31 in the Stanhope Firefighters' Hall between 7 and 9 p.m. The Ontario government requires that sufficient public consultation be held for such matters.

The association has not formally voted to support the proposed Waste Management Plan but has been recommended to do so, says acting association president Paul MacInnes.

Other members of the executive also support

"It is our garbage," said Napier Simpson, acting vice president. "We need to deal with

MacInnes said the executive has recommended that the association supports the proposed septage lagoon plan at the Maple Lake landfill. He said that both plans were well conceived and necessary, given the short lifespan left at Algonquin Highlands' landfill sites and the Ontario government's decision to stop allowing untreated septage to be spread on

Despite MacInnes' and Simpson's overall support of the plans, the official policy of the see MEMBERS page 2

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Get Set for the 151st Kinmount Fair!!

This years' theme for the Heritage Complex aka the Pioneer Buildings will be Railroads and Trains. It will take you from the Kinmount Icelanders to when the tracks became razor blades and all the changes in between!! Listen for all the bells and whistles at this extravaganza!!

The Lindsay and District Model Railroad Club and the Kinmount Station Model Railway will be demonstrating, as well as hundreds of photos and interesting information about the Railway and Kinmount.

The Pioneer Complex will also have woodworkers, homecraft demos and live music. Did I mention food? Yes, food will be available in the Tea Garden, a staple at the Heritage Complex!! Live Entertainment will be featured as well!!

SATURDAY SEPT. 2

Horse, Sheep & Cattle Shows throughout the Day Warrior's Day Parade - 12 Noon Off Road Show and Shine (OF4WD) Grandstand Show- 2 p.m., featuring Eric Ethridge Heavy and Light Drawing Matches 6 p.m. Dance in the Arena - 9 p.m. - AMBUSH - Admission \$20

SUNDAY, SEPT. 3

Youth Horse Show and Miniature Horse Show 9 a.m. Dairy Goat Show - 11 a.m. King and Queen of Strength Strongman Competition - 11 a.m. Children's Races 10 a.m. and Mutt Show - 11:30 a.m. Chainsaw Carving Auction - 1:30 p.m. Demolition Derby - 2:30 p.m. - 5 classes

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